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For:	ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF $\beta$ -CAROTENE, LYCOPENE AND LUTEIN FOR HUMAN SKIN PROTECTION	: Attorney Docket : No.: H 4304 PCT/US :

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003 (Paper No. 9), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a one-month extension of time, up to and including January 8, 2004, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this Request for Reconsideration After Final.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection in light of the following remarks.

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- PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136 (2 pgs.)
- REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL (6 pgs.)